

growth process itself by concentrating on sectors, sub-sectors and technologies which are labour intensive, in regions characterised by higher rates of unemployment and under-employment.

[English]

Compensation to Gulf War Repatriates

2349. SHRI T. GOVINDAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is inordinate delay in payment of the compensation awarded by UNCC to those Kerala repatriates of the 1990 Gulf War;

(b) if so, whether any action has been taken by the Government on the request of Kerala Government to speed up the case for getting atleast part of the compensation in case of full amount cannot be paid immediately; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI):

(a) No, Sir, Compensation to be paid to the Gulf returnees is remitted by the UNCC (United Nations Compensation Commission). As and when funds are received from this body, they are disbursed soonest possible to the concerned claimants. Compensation relating to claimants in 'B' Category (pertaining to death or serious injury) has been disbursed so far. This process was completed by mid-1996.

UNCC recently has transferred US\$ 15.54 million for partial settlement of claims of 6216 persons belong to Category 'A' which covers all those persons who fled from Kuwait before March, 1991. Every effort is being made to ensure that this compensation gets paid as expeditiously as possible. Each of these claimants will receive \$2500 in the first instance.

(b) Permanent Mission of Indian, Geneva, maintains constant liaison with the UNCC to ensure that interests of our nationals are fully protected.

(c) Does not apply.

Cine Workers

2350. SHRI R.L.P. VERMA : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cine workers identified in the country, region-wise;

(b) the facilities being provided the cine-workers in each region; and

(c) the expenditure incurred on various cine-workers welfare schemes during each of the last three years, scheme-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR) : (a) A Statement-I is attached.

(b) A Statement-II is attached.

(c) A Statement-III showing expenditure incurred on Health and Education of cine workers and their dependants, under the Cine-Workers Welfare Fund is attached.

Statement-I

No. of identified Cine-Workers in the country, region-wise:

S.No.	Region	No. of identified cine workers
1.	Hyderabad	8,645
2.	Bhubaneshwar	99
3.	Nagpur	4,088
4.	Bangalore	1,289
5.	Bhilwara	1,290
6.	Calcutta	848
Total :		16,259

Statement-II

List of Welfare Schemes being implemented by Government for Cine-Workers and their dependants:

Health

1. Scheme for re-imbursement of expenditure as a financial assistance to cine workers suffering from Heart Diseases.
2. Scheme for re-imbursement of expenditure as a financial assistance to cine workers suffering from Cancer.
3. Scheme for re-imbursement of expenditure as a financial assistance to cine workers for Kidney Transplantation.

Education

1. Payment of incentives on passing final University/ Board Examination from High School onwards.
2. Scheme to provide incentive/financial assistance @ Re 1/- per day to female children of cine workers, on the